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Michigan.gov Gets Facelift, New Themes Unveiled

Lansing - The Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT) today announced the release of a new and improved web site for the State of Michigan. The Michigan.gov portal, found at <http://www.michigan.gov/>, has a new look and feel that will be more appealing to users. In addition, information has been categorized into new themes for complete ease of use, allowing citizens to find the information they need faster and find the services they need more easily.

"Access to Michigan government has never been easier," commented Teri Takai, Director of the Michigan Department of Information Technology. "Michigan has been ranked number one in the country when it comes to digital government. We have to keep pushing to be the very best."

State services that are offered electronically can now be found in the "Online Services" area. Some of the services found in this area includes: Statewide Road and Lane Closures, Internet Criminal History Access Tool, License Plate Renewals, Cemetery Sources Database, Ask a Librarian, Census and Statistical Data, Unclaimed Property Search, Career Exploration, Michigan Talent Bank, Elementary School Ratings, Offender Tracking Information System, Certificates for Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce, and much, much more.

"We continue to partner with all of the state agencies and the Governor's office to expand the number of online services that are available to our citizens," concluded Takai. "As time goes by, you'll see more and more services available online."

When visiting Michigan.gov, the front page will provide citizens with the top stories of the day in Michigan government. Links to all of the state web sites, including the legislature and courts, are also provided. All of the information surrounding Governor Granholm's destination for a 21st century economy can also be found on the site. Development of the new site is the direct result of collaboration between state departments and the assigned theme managers. Each themed area is filled with useful information pertaining to that particular theme.

Information on the site is now themed into the following categories:

- Michigan Government
- Health
- Education and Children's Services
- Careers, Colleges, & Training
- Business & Economic Growth
- Safety & Security
- Travel & Recreation
- About Michigan

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